

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for the most helpful telephonic interview conducted on March 17, 2004 wherein the present restriction requirement was discussed. This response is submitted pursuant to those discussions.


Applicants hereby elect with traverse **Group I, claims 1-32**, for continued examination. Applicants respectfully assert that the burden of searching the claims of groups I and II would not be undue.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application with claims directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of the application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **532792000610**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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